

# THE OMAHA BEE

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## REFUGEE STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican State Convention will be held at the city of Lincoln on Wednesday, the 24th day of September, 1872, at 10 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for Congress, one candidate for Governor, one candidate for Lieutenant Governor, one candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Prison Inspector, and Attorney General, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. The delegates from each judicial district will assemble at their respective district offices, and from thence proceed to the city of Lincoln on the morning of the 24th inst.

DELEGATES FOR COUNTIES.

Adams	4	Johnson	5
Antelope	2	Knox	2
Boone	2	Lincoln	1
Butler	1	Madison	1
Cass	1	Merriam	1
Chas.	1	Nebraska	1
Cedar	2	Nichols	1
Clay	1	Pawnee	1
Colfax	1	Pierce	1
Cheyenne	1	Polk	1
Cuming	1	Rock	1
Dawson	1	Seward	1
De Witt	1	Shelby	1
Dodge	1	Stoddard	1
Douglas	1	Union	1
Dundy	1	Wabasha	1
Franklin	1	Wayne	1
Gallatin	1	Webster	1
Gardner	1	Wheeler	1
Grant	1	Wood	1
Harlan	1	York	1
Harrison	1		
Holt	1		
Jefferson	1		

The counties are recommended to elect alternate delegates to act in case the delegates elected fail to attend the convention; and the convention is recommended to exclude persons who are not delegates from the counties they represent.

By order of the committee.  
C. H. GREE, Secretary.

SENATOR MORTON has retired to Arkansas hot springs, where he will remain until September.

JUDGING from the proceedings of the preliminary Temperance Convention at Lincoln, the advocates of the Prohibition party will meet with serious obstacles in the organization of their new departure.

We understand there is some talk about changing text books in the Board of Education. In view of past experience it seems to us discretion would dictate against such a policy.

CHICAGO has abolished those enticing darts of iniquity known as the "pretty waiter girl saloons," and Mayor Colvin has issued a proclamation revoking the license of these resorts, and directing the Chief of Police to close them on Monday next.

THE new anti-lottery law of Illinois, which went into effect on July 1st, forbids the publication of lottery advertisements under the penalty of a fine not exceeding \$200 for each offense. Several of the leading Chicago dailies are now charged with wilfully violating this law, and there is a fair prospect of a few indictments.

CIVIL RIGHTS are sadly out of joint in Vicksburg. A resident of that rock-rotted citadel has been put into a peculiar plight. During the just-ended campaign there, he was accused of being a black man. His face was darkened by an explosion of gunpowder during the war. The accusation hurt him seriously, coming as it did, when the lines between white and black were rigidly drawn. So he has been getting certificates of his true color from relatives and friends, and publishing them. The Vicksburg public is now doubtless satisfied that he is not as black as the gunpowder-painted him.

THE managers of the trunk railroads, between the Atlantic seaboard and the Missouri river, have recently consummated another coalition by which the rates of transportation are very materially advanced. This is not only a heavy blow at the producers of the great west, who are just now compelled to forward their crops to the eastern market, but it will also seriously retard immigration.

While the freight rates on grain have been raised from ten to twenty-five per cent, the emigrant rates have been advanced from 100 to 150 per cent over the rates prevailing since March last. The emigrant rate between New York and Omaha is advanced from \$15.00 to \$25.50, and this is a fair illustration of the rate to other points.

## HOW THE PRIMARIES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED.

The Douglas County Republican Central Committee meet in this city Saturday to devise the plan and fix the time for holding the primary elections. The principal object of these primaries is to enable the members of the Republican party to select the delegates to represent Douglas County in the State Convention.

The problem for the committee to solve is, how shall these delegates be elected? During many years past it has been customary to elect these delegates by the indirect method of voting through county conventions. Under this arrangement each precinct was authorized to send a given number of delegates to the county convention, and a majority of those delegates in their turn elected the delegates to the State convention.

Experience has demonstrated that this system is liable to very grave objections. It deprives the people from a direct choice of agents, and frequently results in the defeat of the will of the majority. Unscrupulous politicians can thus obtain a majority of the members of the Convention and dictate the names of the delegates to the State Convention. The delegates thus selected, instead of being independent agents or popular representatives, become the mere tools and puppets of a political dictator who makes use of them for his personal ends. Such sham representation becomes a mere mockery; and we believe the time has come when this system should be abolished. The most effective way, it seems to us, would be to let Republicans elect their delegates by direct vote. This will result in the selection of a better class of delegates; and will, moreover, make it almost impossible for any faction in the party to control the whole delegation. The only obstacle in the way would be the country precincts.

To obviate this difficulty we would suggest a separate apportionment for the county precincts. The Republican voters in the city would thus elect their own delegates and alternates by direct vote, and those of the country would elect their quota. The direct vote system, we understand, now in vogue in Ohio and other States gives general satisfaction.

Another subject that should engage the attention of the committee is the purification of the primaries. They should adopt some plan for the prevention of ballot box stuffing, repeating and guard against the intrusion of non-Republican voters.

Unless this is done, respectable Republicans will not participate in the primaries, and the persons elected will merely represent a corrupt minority.

## NOTORIOUS FACTS.

It is notorious that it was a long time after Grant's nomination before Rosey hoisted the Grant banner.—Lincoln Blade.

It is notorious that the BEE was the first paper in Nebraska that hoisted the Grant and Wilson banner. Grant was nominated on June 6, 1872, and the same day the BEE hoisted his name at its masthead with the following leader:

"Now that the Republican party, through its National Convention, has declared the principles, which, as a party, it proposes to advocate, and nominated its standard-bearer for the national campaign of 1872. We deem it our duty to place their names at our masthead.

"In taking this step we have by no means abandoned our intentions and efforts toward political reform. Believing in the language of Senator Sumner, that the name of Grant was a synonym of discord in the Republic, we have, up to the present, made every honorable and legitimate effort toward securing the unity of our party by a consistent opposition to President Grant's re-nomination. In the exercise of this prerogative we have advocated reforms which are now embodied in the platform upon which General Grant must stand. We sincerely believe that these reforms are the only ones that will bring about the redemption of the Republic through its representatives in Congress.

Within its ranks we have succeeded in exposing corruption and bringing malfeasors in high places to justice, and within its ranks we propose to continue the battle of reform.

This explains fully and clearly the position of the BEE prior to and after the re-nomination of President Grant. It also proves Caffery and his Blade notorious falsifiers. The other assertions of the Lincoln gin-mill organ are equally unreliable. We should hardly have noticed the muddled utterances of this notorious inebriate were it not for the fact that parties not familiar with the record were likely to be misled by them. It is not our desire to pollute the columns of the BEE with disgusting personalities, and we therefore dismiss the Lincoln blather-skite from all further notice.

THE BEE is by no means afraid to wrestle with the Temperance question. Our sentiments on this issue is well known. At the same time we can see no good reason why this issue is to be thrust into the impending political canvass, when it is well understood that the permanent settlement of the problem cannot be had until the new Constitution is framed and submitted to the people.

The next Legislature might pass a dozen bills to regulate, restrain or suppress the liquor traffic, but such legislation could be readily upset by the constitutional convention. The only way to settle the temperance issue, local option and prohibition to a direct vote of the people, when the new constitution is voted on. In the language of Abraham Lincoln, "We don't propose to cross Fox river till we get it."

## OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

COLORADO.

Mining operations are active in Las Animas district.

A national bank is soon to be established at Colorado Springs.

Specimens of ore from the Cash-lode, Sunshine district, have assayed as high as \$40,000.

Sheep are selling at Albuquerque for \$1.50 per head, and the owners are glad to get that.

Last week \$7,910 pounds of wool were shipped east from West Las Animas.

A gentleman who has just returned from Middle Park states that the Indians there are becoming very demonstrative.

The redskins who raided southern Colorado recently murdered and mutilated seventeen whites and stole \$30,000 worth of stock.

During the past sixteen months, sixteen tons of silver have been shipped from the Boston and Colorado Smelting Works at Black Hawk.

Harvesting has commenced in Colorado, and farm hands are in demand at good wages. The wheat is reported as not materially injured by the grasshoppers.

The road now building in the Berthoud pass, known as the Georgetown, Empire and Middle Park wagon road, is making good progress.

A colony of Tennesseans, numbering nearly a hundred persons, under the leadership of Colonel T. G. Paine, have gone to farming and stock-growing in earnest, over on Antelope creek, in Douglas county.

A new company, of which the Earl of Dunraven is the principal stockholder, have purchased all the available lands in Estes Park, embracing some six thousand acres. The company proposes making extensive and costly improvements. Among these will be a large hotel, a new mill, new roads through the park, a hotel at Longmont, and a half-way house on the road between that place and the park.

Professor Hayden is now engaged, with some of his assistants, in making special geological examinations along the foothills, and in the red sandstone formations in the vicinity of Manitou and the Garden of the Gods, for the purpose of determining more definitely the true character and age of the formations, about which there has heretofore been more or less doubt. The formations in that locality are quite uncertain as to age, as there are very few fossils to be seen. Their antiquity may be determined.

The Wheeler exploring expedition, under command of Captain George M. Wheeler, of the United States Engineers, organized for explorations and surveys west of the one hundredth meridian, is about to take the field for Pueblo, a portion having already commenced operations. The expedition, which numbers over seventy men, is divided into nine parties under competent officers of the engineer corps, and of the line, assisted by civilians of reputation in science, the objects as heretofore being a thorough exploration and accurate information, geographical and geological, and in the various branches of natural history, and the work will include a careful survey of the mining regions in the Sierra Blanca and San Juan regions.

The outfit is very complete and promises results of more than usual importance. The men are well armed but expect no trouble with the Indians and no adventures except those which come legitimately to an expedition, whose objects are definite, in regions almost wholly unknown and undescribed.

## UTAH.

Ann Elliza, Brigham's ex-wife, joined the Methodist Church at Salt Lake on Sunday.

According to the Book of Mormon, this is the last year of Brigham's reign. He is 74 years old.

It is reported that the Nez Perce mine, at Bingham, Utah, has been sold for several hundred thousand dollars.

In a suit for divorce from Brigham Young, by his wife, Ann Elliza, the demurrer of the defendant to the jurisdiction of the court was overruled, and thirty days were given to answer.

The name of "Post of Beaver," a military post in Utah Territory, has been changed to Fort Cameron, in honor of the late Colonel of the Seventy-ninth Highlanders, who was killed at the first battle of Bull Run.

It is stated that the Government officials in Utah are endeavoring to obtain all the names of the men and women who have gone into polygamy since the passage of the Poland bill, the intention being to prosecute them under the Congressional Act of 1862.

Fifty or sixty men are engaged in prospecting for smelting ores, in and about Silver Lake district.

C. W. Kendall, Representative in Congress, will be a candidate for the United States Senate from Nevada.

Fifty carloads of ore from the Belcher mines are being shipped daily by rail to the mills at Silver City and on the Carson river.

The significant number "601," with which the vigilantes are wont to affright the guilty, is now conspicuously displayed at Reno. Several non-residents have guessed the conundrum and departed.

There are more visitors to Lake Tahoe this year than ever before. There are two steamers on the lake, one of which makes regular trips from Glenbrook to Tahoe City, while the other carries excursion parties to the various points of interest on the lake.

The gravel diggings in Nevada, seventy miles north of Elko, are turning out rich, and a genuine gold fever rages in that vicinity. Very little work can be done this summer, however, on account of the scarcity of water. The new diggings are very extensive, covering an area of several miles, and are situated on a high plateau between the head waters of the north fork of the Humboldt and the Bruno rivers, the latter being a tributary to Snake River. A half interest in one claim is reported sold to San Francisco parties for \$80,000.

The San Lorenzo fruit drying factory is drying about three tons of currants a day.

A company with a capital of \$30,000 for manufacturing boots and shoes, has been formed in Petaluma.

The North Bloomfield Gravel Mining Company employ 625 men, and have spent \$1,750,000 in opening their mine.

## During the past week 650 tons of fruit and vegetables were shipped from Sacramento for the markets the other side of the Sierras and the East.

A new cupola furnace of 4,000 pounds capacity, and a ten-horse power engine, have been put up in the moulding department of the Napa Plow Company's works.

The San Gabriel Valley, including San Fernando, San Jose and Los Angeles valleys, contains about 200,000 acres, of which probably 100,000 can be irrigated.

The smelting works at Sacramento have been thoroughly overhauled and it is expected that they will be running again soon. A parcel of land has been laid off on which to erect furnaces for separating works, and the work of erecting these furnaces will be commenced the first of the ensuing week.

Los Angeles has a woolen mill, iron foundry, two brick yards, an ice factory, tannery, two flour mills, two candy factories (wholesale), book bindery, three daily newspapers, five weeklies, two monthlies, five hotels, three banks, school-house accommodations for fifteen hundred children, a large number of wine-brandy distilleries, and is sadly in need of a new theater.

Booth, who a few months since established a factory at Collinsville for curing and packing salmon, is unable to procure a sufficient quantity of fish, and is about to remove his factory to Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia River, Oregon. It seems the fishermen of the Sacramento and San Joaquin cannot be relied upon to furnish a supply of salmon.

## OREGON.

Settlers are filling up Paradise Valley, in Northern Idaho.

Large pack-trains do the freighting business of Eastern Oregon.

The Oregon Penitentiary now contains 215 prisoners.

Fifty men are now employed on the Capitol building at Salem.

About \$9,000 has been subscribed in Portland, Oregon, toward building a bridge across the Willamette at that point.

Three hundred and twenty acres of the Governor's "Grand" original donation claim, six miles south of Salem, were sold to an immigrant the other day for the sum of \$3,350.

The great herds of cattle feeding upon the plains and mountains of Eastern Oregon have destroyed the recuperative properties of the bunch grass, and to save them from starvation their owners are compelled to drive them long distances in search of pasture.

The agents of the German hold-ers in Oregon and California railroad are in Portland, Oregon, the guests of Ben Holladay, and it is reported there that they are in favor of taking the road off Holladay's hands and completing it through to the California line.

## MONTANA AND IDAHO.

The placer diggings in and around Bannack are yielding fully up to the expectations of the miners. At Beld Mountain there is a scarcity of water, which retards the working of claims.

A movement is on foot in Idaho to establish a university at Boise City. A committee of prominent citizens have taken the matter in hand and solicited subscriptions.

A band of hostile Sioux made a raid on the ranches within a mile of Bozeman on July 26th, killing two men and capturing several large herds of horses.

Helena, Montana, must be a prosperous town. The Herald reports that magnificent blocks of buildings have risen up as if by magic on the site recently swept by the fire.

Official information has been received by Governor Potts from the Crow Agency that the hostile Indians, who have menaced that place for the two preceding weeks, had taken their departure for pastures new and more favorable fields for the conquest of scalps and plunder.

At the latest, everything was quiet on the Yellowstone, and the inhabitants had resumed the even tenor of their wonted occupations. Sixty head of stock belonging to ranchmen were driven off by the Indians last week.

## Financial Theories.

There is no question perhaps on which theorizing is so apt to be erroneous as upon matters of finance. There are such a host of causes at work, and they are modified by such a multitude of circumstances, that no man can predict how a given measure will work until it is tried. Probably no notion has been more widely prevalent than that the country needed more currency. There are many facts which have seemed to point that way. But had it been a fact that there was really a demand for more currency, on the business of the country, we should at once witness a vigorous demand for new national banks under the currency law of last session. So far as this has been the case that the voluntary return of circulation by national banks already established has nearly kept pace with the issue of currency to new banks. At present the increase is only about one-tenth of one per cent. to the total volume of the currency, while it is thought that the application of new banks are about all in. From present appearances under the new law, which so far as the west is concerned amounts virtually to free banking, the volume of currency will remain unchanged.

## The Kansas Corn Crop.

The recent dry, hot weather has not only killed the corn crop in this part of the state. The terrible hot wind of last Saturday, sweeping across the country at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour and with the thermometer at 105 in the shade, was the death of vegetation. Many farmers who a week ago thought that they had fair prospects for a good crop of corn tell us now that it is comparatively ruined, the lower blades all dried and withered, and the life nearly gone out of the stalks. We have not learned how to carry this disaster has affected the State. We trust that in other portions, where rains have been more abundant and the crop was further advanced, the damage has been less; but in this quarter we shall have the lightest corn crop since 1860.—Lawrence Journal.

General Grant is in excellent health, and has evidently been getting stronger since the adjournment of Congress. While the two houses were in session he was so incessantly worried night and day by the contractors and inflationists, the belligerents of Arkansas, the troubles of Louisiana, and the State Government corruptions in South Carolina, by the contending parties over the affairs of the District of Columbia, by the Mormon question, and by the thousand other troublesome things, that when he left the Whitehouse for the seclusion he was almost as thin as we found him soon after his return from his decisive campaign of the Wilderness.—New York Herald.

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